

REMARKS:

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dahl (5,306,278). Claims 2, 3, and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahl (5,306,278) in view of Slivenko (4,325,373, Fenick (US 5,015,183), and Pompa (5,320,529). Claim 4 has been allowed. Claims 5 and 9-11 have been indicated allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph mentioned above and rewritten to include all the limitations of any claims from which they may depend.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 are now canceled, so any rejections drawn to these claims are now moot.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of canceled claims 1 and 2 from which it had depended, and further amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

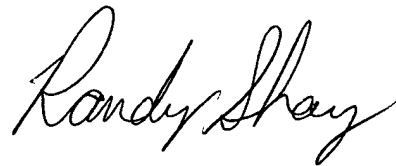
Independent claim 9, and claims 10 and 11 which depend therefrom, have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Thus, the only claims remaining in this case, claims 4, 5, and 9-11, 5 having been allowed, and 5 and 9-11 being indicated as allowable provided the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and rewritten to include all the limitations of any claims from which they may depend. Since it is believed that the present amendment to claims 5 and 9-11 meets these requirements, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment after final and allow claims 4-5 and 9-11.

CONCLUSION

It is Applicant's belief that the present amendment after final, which contains no new matter, places the application in condition for allowance, and therefore the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow entry of this amendment and indicate the allowability of the claims. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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